

## Prices and Prospects.

### THE COKE MARKET OF THE FUTURE LARGELY IN HANDS OF THE OPERATORS

#### Regulation of Production to Consumptive Demands Will Help

#### RESERVE THE TRADE BALANCE

**Ted Schmitz's Prices By-Product Activity Will Create Coal Demand Which Will be More Attractive Than Coke at \$2.25; Prices Maintained.**

**Special to The Weekly Courier.**  
PITTSBURG, May 17.—The coke market seems to be stiffening a trifle, despite the extreme quietness. Whatever strength the market possesses is obviously due to reduced production rather than increased requirements, as for several weeks the furnaces have been taking less coke than they formerly did, and production is now down to the reduced requirements.

While the workmen have been responsible in part for the reduced output of the past three weeks it seems to be definitely established that there has been some voluntary curtailment on the part of operators, and predictions are made that such restriction will increase in amount until the relation between production and consumption will be such as to occasion an advance in market prices in accordance with the familiar trade law of supply and demand.

The coke market of the future is largely in the hands of coke operators. No great change is to be expected through change in the volume of demand. There is not future capacity sufficient to effect any large increase in coke consumption, while it is quite certain that no furnaces will voluntarily blow out. For months it will be a case of the blast furnace industry operating to its physical capacity, there being ample demand for pig iron and steel. As to the by-product ovens being built, construction has been proceeding so slowly that their completion will not be much of a factor for months, while as such ovens are completed they will begin calling for coal. Sales of Connellsville coal are reported as as high as \$1.25, and some operators insist that such a price for coal is more attractive than \$2.25 for coke.

A few sales of spot furnace coke are reported at \$2.35, while \$2.40 and even \$2.50 is talked of in some quarters as an asking price, and some standard coke is asserted to be available at \$2.25. Rumors of standard coke at less than \$2.25, never fully accepted in well posted quarters, have practically disappeared.

The foundry coke market is rather dull, with an increasing disposition to offer coke at \$3.50 and less disposition to hold out for \$3.75, although reports are that the higher price is still done occasionally. Most of the contracting for the period beginning July 1 was done some time ago at \$3.50, and the contract market is now very quiet. The market as a whole is not quotably changed and stands as follows:

Spot furnace ..... \$2.25-\$2.40  
Contract furnace ..... \$2.25-\$2.50  
Spot founder ..... \$3.50-\$3.75  
Contract founder ..... \$3.50

The local pig iron market is still more thoroughly dull than it was a week ago. Furnaces appear to be very firm in their views as to prices and are regarded as being well sold up, with but little tonnage still available for the remainder of the year. The foundries are still affected by the strike of molders and are taking iron on contract very well indeed considering the circumstances. Steel works appear to be well covered. It has been the expectation in many quarters for weeks past that the completion of new steel making capacity would bring out such additional consumptive requirements for pig iron as would send the market up, but the new construction is proceeding slowly, on account of labor scarcity. No one seems willing to argue that the pig iron market can decline, but there is nothing in immediate vision to put it up. Prices are as follows, not quotably changed from a week ago:

Basic ..... \$21.00-\$21.50  
Basic ..... \$21.25-\$21.50  
No. 2 founder ..... \$18.50-\$19.00  
Malleable ..... \$18.50-\$19.00  
Forge ..... \$18.50-\$19.00

These prices are f. o. b. Valley furnaces, prices delivered Pittsburgh being higher by the 95-cent freight.

#### PAID ALL DAMAGES

**Northern Connellsville Coke Company Settles County Home Claim.**

An action recently brought against the Northern Connellsville Coke Company by Charles E. Seaman, superintendent of the Westmoreland county home, has been determined by an amicable settlement.

Some time ago the county poor authorities sold the company a 10-foot right of way through two acres of coal under the county farm. It was charged that miners for the company drove the heading beyond the right of way limits.

In settling the case the company agreed to pay attorney's fees and all costs, and 50 cents a ton for 13,000 tons of coal.

**New Bessemer Ore Yards.**

Large ore storage yards are being planned by the Bessemer & Lake Erie railroad at a point about eight miles from the little port of Connellsville, O.

COKE FREIGHT RATES.	
Destination.	Rate.
Baltimore	\$1.80
Bethel	1.85
Canton	1.90
Cleveland	1.80
Columbus	1.65
Detroit	1.10
E. St. Louis	2.80
Erie	1.05
Harrisburg	1.05
Ind.	2.50
Louisville	2.60
Milwaukee	2.85
New York	2.95
Philadelphia	2.00
Portland, O.	1.65
Port Henry, N. Y.	2.80
Pottstown	1.05
Reading	2.94
Richmond, Va.	2.94
South Bethlehem	2.00
St. Paul, Minn.	1.85
Toledo, O.	1.85
Wheeling	1.20
Valley Points	1.20

#### IMPROVEMENT IN LABOR SITUATION HELPS STEEL

**Neither Production Nor Consumption Likely to be Farther Curtailed; Market Quiet; Prices Steady.**

**Special to The Weekly Courier.**  
NEW YORK, May 17.—The American Metal Market and Daily Iron & Steel Report will review the steel and iron trade tomorrow as follows:

Labor troubles are cropping out with less frequency and the agitation that has been at the bottom of them seems to be subsiding. Last Monday was expected by certain labor leaders to develop big things in one of the important steel producing districts, but practically nothing occurred and nothing is likely to occur in the near future that quarter. As the time from May Day passes the labor situation seems to be growing better, and serious curtailment in either the production or consumption of steel less likely. The present labor shortage, while not affecting materially the rate of production, will have an important effect upon the future. In that addition to capacity are not being brought to completion with the expected speed. Of the total new construction in progress a large part must be regarded as distinctly in anticipation of heavy demand for steel after the war.

The finished steel market is quiet in nearly all branches and on the whole the heavy current shipments are easing into the contract obligations. Specifications and actual shipping orders are probably piling up, though not at as great a rate as during the first quarter of the year. The general buying movement lasted longer than there was good reason to expect.

While steel prices are almost stationary they show a slight advancing tendency. Thus the quotation of \$2.75 on plates, formerly regarded as representing the minimum of the actual market, has become practically nominal, and the market minimum may be regarded as \$3.00, giving plates the remarkable spread of \$8 a ton over bars and shapes, the high price of shapes being due to the general scarcity of steel while the extra spread for plates is due to plate demand out-running finishing capacity.

For the next few months a steady grind to fill steel orders, with few new developments in the market, is to be expected. War steel orders, however, continue to come along freely, and there is inquiry now for a large quantity of 8-inch to 11-inch shells.

#### PAT THOMPSON TAXES

**The Creditors Committee to Borrow \$250,000 for That Purpose.**

The J. V. Thompson Creditors' Protective Committee at a meeting in Pittsburgh yesterday decided to borrow \$250,000 to be used in paying the taxes which have accrued on the Thompson properties in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. It was announced that \$15,532,716, or 98% of the unsecured claims have been filed with the committee.

Samuel Untermyer of New York, counsel for the committee, will appear in court at Uniontown to argue against the vacation of the receiver's ship appointments, on May 26 or later as the date may be finally determined.

**New Branch into Washington County.**  
The Wellsville & State Line railroad, extending from Wellsville, W. Va., to the state line in Washington county, has been purchased by the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis railway. It is to be extended into the undeveloped coal land of the Panhandle district and later to Taylor town, Washington county.

**More Open-Hearth Capacity.**  
The Chattanooga Steel Company will add another two 90-ton open-hearth furnaces to its new steel plant at Chattanooga, Tenn.

**P. E. B. Buys Locomotives.**  
The Pennsylvania railroad has placed an order for 75 freight locomotives with the Baldwin Locomotive Works of Macon, and its name changed to Summerville No. 2.

## Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

### Statistical Summary.

PRODUCTION.		WEEK ENDING MAY 13, 1916.			WEEK ENDING MAY 6, 1916.			
DISTRICT.	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons.	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons.
Connellsville	20,559	18,500	1,999	241,573	21,629	18,855	2,873	235,630
Lower Connellsville	17,885	16,955	1,727	199,100	17,625	15,949	1,578	175,520
<b>Totals</b>	<b>38,444</b>	<b>34,515</b>	<b>3,726</b>	<b>440,678</b>	<b>39,664</b>	<b>34,803</b>	<b>4,250</b>	<b>411,200</b>

FURNACE OVENS.		WEEK ENDING MAY 13, 1916.			WEEK ENDING MAY 6, 1916.			
DISTRICT.	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons.	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons.
Connellsville	16,864	15,540	1,144	199,638	17,401	15,536	1,845	184,640
Lower Connellsville	7,582	5,072	503	64,000	5,552	5,045	507	54,310
<b>Totals</b>	<b>22,446</b>	<b>20,612</b>	<b>1,647</b>	<b>263,638</b>	<b>22,953</b>	<b>20,581</b>	<b>2,372</b>	<b>219,950</b>

MERCHANT OVENS.		WEEK ENDING MAY 13, 1916.			WEEK ENDING MAY 6, 1916.			
DISTRICT.	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons.	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons.
Connellsville	8,875	8,128	655	41,240	4,128	3,319	809	41,028
Lower Connellsville	12,103	10,879	1,224	135,100	11,073	10,904	1,069	121,150
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15,978</b>	<b>14,198</b>	<b>1,779</b>	<b>177,040</b>	<b>16,101</b>	<b>14,223</b>	<b>1,878</b>	<b>182,200</b>

SHIPMENTS.		WEEK ENDING MAY 13, 1916.			WEEK ENDING MAY 6, 1916.			
DISTRICT.	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons.	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons.
To Pittsburgh					4,091	Cars.		
To Points West of Pittsburgh					6,649	Cars.		
To Points East of the Region					1,356	Cars.		
<b>Totals</b>					12,046	Cars.		
							11,115	Cars.

### A YEAR'S CHANGES IN COKE OVEN LIST SHOWS LOSS OF 484

#### In the Connellsville and Lower Connellsville Regions.

#### THE TOTAL NOW 38,606 OVENS

Three Complete Plants Abandoned in Old Region, But 257 Ovens Are Added in Lower Connellsville; Slight Change in Northern End Districts.

When the last annual revision was made of The Weekly Courier's list of coke works in the several districts of the Connellsville

## EXAMINING BOARD EMPHASIZES NEED OF NIGHT SCHOOLS

Lack of Preparation for  
Mining Certificates is  
Manifest.

## ONLY FOUR FOREMEN QUALIFY

Out of 27 Applicants; Of 47 Fire Boss  
Candidates Only 20 Made the Re-  
quired Percentages; Oral Examina-  
tions Will be Held Next Tuesday.

The Inspector P. J. Walsh of the  
Mining District, has announced the names of candidates who  
successfully passed the examinations  
for mine foremen and fire boss certifi-  
cates held in Connellsville on April 11,  
12, 13 and 14.

For first grade mine foremen's cer-  
tificates the following made the re-  
quired percentages: Joseph Grimes,  
and Frank J. Dunn, Wyano, Pa.;  
Joseph A. Greaves, Dunbar, and Wil-  
liam H. Finerty, Jitter.

For second grade certificates there  
were no candidates.

For assistant mine foremen, Frank  
Mitchell and Joseph Salter, Mount  
Pleasant; John H. Brown and Hugh  
Lizama, Connellsville; Anthony Gil-  
more, Dunbar; Charles Nicholson,  
Yoder; Frank Study and John L.  
Moor, Wyano.

Fire bosses: Frank Krause, Thomas  
Keenan, John A. Muller, Louis L. Mc-  
Keever, Alex E. Bennett, Thomas J.  
Smith and John D. Duncan, Connell-  
sville; John Popovich, James Sidebottom,  
and Stephen Bendzak, Mount Pleasant;  
F. D. Gaffney, William Higgins and  
Thomas Hallay, Madison; George W.  
Harris and Robert Littlehales, Wyano;  
James W. McClain, Patrick Maloy and  
Casper Marcinak, Dunbar; George  
Seitzman, Stauffer, and Theodore F.  
Kramer, Alverton.

Before the certificates were awarded  
the candidates who have passed the  
written examinations must undergo  
oral examinations. These were held  
at Inspector Walsh's residence, 209  
East Patterson avenue on Tuesday.

The papers filed by a number of the  
candidates indicated great lack of pre-  
paration for the examination both as  
to a knowledge of the subjects and the  
fundamentals of composition. In the  
judgment of the examining board the  
need for additional night mining  
schools was greatly emphasized by the  
poor showing made by several of the  
candidates. Out of a class of 27 taking the  
first grade mine foremen's examina-  
tion only four were successful. Of 47 taking the fire boss' examination  
20 made the required percentages.

## COAL AND COKE EXPORTS

Show Material Increases in Both Ton-  
nage and Value Over 1915.

Exclusive of fuel or bunker coal  
laden on vessels engaged in the foreign  
trade the exports of bituminous coal  
from the United States in February  
were 1,041,020 tons having a value of  
\$2,02,956. This is an increase of 457,  
032 in tons and \$59,879 in value com-  
pared with February of 1915. The ex-  
ports of coke during the same period  
were 88,115 tons, valued at \$336,135,  
or \$3,81 per ton. This is an increase of  
43,806 in tons and \$170,371 in value  
over February, 1915.

For the eight months ending Februa-  
ry the coal exports totalled 12,387,679  
tons, valued at \$36,895,666, as com-  
pared with 9,289,786 tons valued at  
\$22,993,338 for the eight months end-  
ing February, 1915. Coke exports during  
the same period were 1,17,783 tons  
valued at \$2,413,910, as compared with  
34,450 tons valued at \$1,318,193 in  
1915.

## GREENE COUNTY COAL

Of I. W. Semans to be Sold at Sher-  
iff's Sale June 6.

The sheriff of Greene county is ad-  
vertising for sale on June 6 the un-  
divided one-eighth interest of I. W.  
Semans in 22 tracts of coal land sit-  
uated in Dunkard and Monongahela  
townships aggregating 2,326 acres.

The sales are to be made as the re-  
sult of suits instituted by Eva C. Gar-  
low, Rebecca E. Garlow, Edward G.  
Donley and Leanna D. Donley.

Passenger Traffic Resumed.  
Passenger traffic has been resumed  
between Somerset and Ligonier by the  
Pittsburg, Westmoreland & Somerset  
Railway Company. Two round trips  
will be made daily.

## HIGHER PRICES FOR COAL HAVE BECOME A NECESSITY

Advances for Labor and Supplies Are  
But Two of the Elements Tending  
to Add to Cost of Production.

In the forthcoming annual report of  
the Department of Mines Chief James  
E. Roderick makes some timely com-  
ment on conditions prevailing in the  
coal markets of the state. Discussing  
the anticipated rise in prices for bi-  
tuminous coal he says:

"Higher prices for coal are expected  
during 1916. They are at least hoped  
for most ardently by most of the bi-  
tuminous operators, who feel that an  
advance of from 5 to 25 cents a ton is  
absolutely necessary to keep them  
from loss. The two principal argu-  
ments for higher price are that all  
other articles consumed or used in any  
way by the public have advanced in  
price, and the further reason that the  
profits on bituminous coal have hitherto  
been entirely too small. The ex-  
istence of some of the operators, when  
the selling price is so very little greater  
than the cost of production, is very  
precarious, and it is the general opinion  
that a higher price must be re-  
ceived, or the production of some of  
the less firmly entrenched and less  
favorably situated operators will be  
compelled to relinquish the business."

"Another element that enters into  
this question is the steady advance in  
the cost of production, due to the  
deeper mines, the longer hauls and the  
higher cost of labor, all elements that  
affect materially the total cost of pro-  
ducing coal."

"The introduction and enforcement  
of the Compensation Act of 1915, will  
no doubt place an additional burden  
on the coal operators. The reporting  
of accidents to the state authorities  
with the utmost dispatch after their  
occurrence will in some instances be  
somewhat difficult and expensive, and  
the fact that the insurance rates are  
to be based on the risks of the indi-  
vidual mines, instead of being made  
equal throughout the state, will make  
necessary the installation of expensive  
safety devices by most of the smaller  
operators to bring their mines up to  
the standard maintained by the larger  
operators."

## CAMBRIA TO DEVELOP

### Its Coal Holdings in Northern West- moreland County.

The Cambria Iron Company, which  
recently added to its coal land holdings  
in the northern part of Westmoreland  
county, is making preparations to de-  
velop the tract, which now comprises  
2,600 acres. The company recently  
purchased the surface of the Sloan  
farm for \$15,000. Engineers are now  
at work on this farm making surveys  
for a big coal and coke plant.

The Turtle Creek Valley branch of  
the Pennsylvania railroad, which was  
last year extended from Weenan to  
Delmont, will be further extended to  
the Kiskiminetas river at Saltsburg.  
An outlet from the new field will thus  
be afforded whereby the products of  
the new plant can be shipped direct to  
Johnstown via the Conemaugh division  
of the Pennsylvania railroad, and give  
the northern section of Westmoreland  
county its first passenger and  
freight service.

Some of the coal which is to be  
developed has long been held by  
parties interested in the Cambria Steel  
Company.

## SELLS COAL TO EGYPT

Great Britain Buys 700,000 Tons in  
Japan; Big Rise in Price.

TOKIO, May 12.—In connection with  
the recent orders from Great Britain  
for 700,000 tons of coal to be delivered  
in Egypt several Japanese firms have  
entered into contracts with the British  
authorities for the supply of the whole  
quantity within a fixed period on con-  
dition that Great Britain sends steam-  
ers to transport the fuel.

As a result of the growing demand  
the price of coal in Japan has in-  
creased.

In various official and pri-  
vate factories where war orders from  
Russia and other countries are being  
filled, measures have been taken to  
purchase large quantities of coal in view  
of the upward tendency of the market.

## Connellsville Not Included.

Connellsville is not included in the  
itinerary of the government "Safety  
First" special train. While in Cumber-  
land 8,000 persons passed through  
the train and government and Balti-  
more & Ohio officials welcomed and  
exhaustively explained the exhibits  
hour after hour as the continuous  
stream of visitors passed through the  
train.

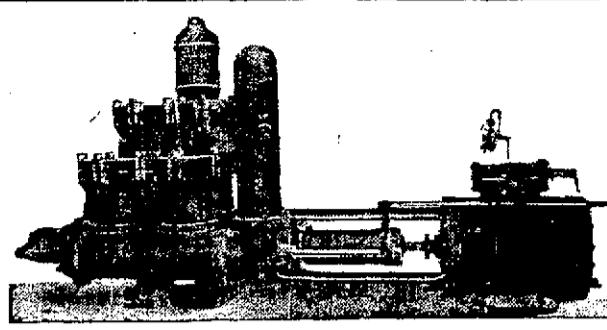
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## LIST OF COKE OVENS IN The Connellsville District

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to  
Saturday, May 13, 1916.

Total Ovens	In Blast	Name of Works	Name of Operators	P. O. Address
200	200	Acme.	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
200	200	Acme.	Penn Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
200	200	Alverton.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
857	850	Bald eagle.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Harrisburg.
200	200	Bald eagle.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
200	200	Bethany.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
120	60	Beyer.	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	Greensburg.
300	251	Bickerton.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
300	250	Birkdale.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
300	250	Brush Run.	Brush Run Coke Co.	Mt. Pleasant.
25	24	Calumet.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
301	301	Central.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Connellsville.
180	180	Clare.	Clare Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
78	78	Claybrook.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
400	400	Collier.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
400	400	Continental.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
800	800	Continental.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
120	120	Crossland.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Connellsville.
82	82	Davidson.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
250	185	Dorothy.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
40	40	Ebenezer No. 1.	Whyte Coke Co.	Uniontown.
100	100	Ebenezer No. 2.	Unity-Connellsville Coke Co.	New York, N. Y.
10	10	Elm Grove.	W. J. Rainey	Connellsville.
101	101	Fordland.	Summit-Cone Coke Co.	Uniontown.
122	122	Gilmor.	Gilmor Coke Co.	New York, N. Y.
350	350	Harrisburg No. 1.	W. J. Rainey	Pittsburg.
350	350	Harrisburg No. 2.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
800	800	Harrisburg No. 3.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Youngwood.
8	8	Hawthorne.	Braswell.	Pittsburg.
365	365	Hostetter.	Hostetter-Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
148	148	Humphrey.	Hosmer Coke Co.	Uniontown.
28	28	Johnson.	Johnson Coke Co.	Uniontown.
250	250	Junata.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
400	400	Kid.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
450	450	Laisenring 1.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
502	502	Laisenring 2.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
502	502	Laisenring 3.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
257	257	Lambert No. 1.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
850	850	Lambert No. 2.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Uniontown.
82	82	Lake Sunshine.	Cyril's Mutual Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
40	40	Magee.	Magee Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
400	400	Mahoning.	Mahoning Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
400	400	Marguerite.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Connellsville.
310	310	Mt. Bradcock.	Mt. Bradcock Coke Co.	New York, N. Y.
188	188	Mt. Mutual.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
32	32	Myers.	Brownfield-Cville Coke Co.	Uniontown.
253	253	Oliphant.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
238	238	Oliver No. 1.	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co.	Pittsburg.
500	500	Oliver No. 2.	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co.	Pittsburg.
57	57	Painter.	Newcomer Coke Co.	Uniontown.
400	400	Paul.	W. J. Rainey	Pittsburg.
68	68	Paley.	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
448	448	Padstow.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	New York, N. Y.
120	120	Rial.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
110	110	Samet-Solway.	Dunbar Furnace Co.	Dunbar.
448	448	Shad.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
428	428	Southwest 1.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
150	150	Southwest 2.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
200	200	Standard.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
801	801	Stewart.	Stewart Iron Co.	Pittsburg.
80	80	Trotter.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
494	494	United.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
820	820	Waller.	Waller Coke Co.	Mt. Pleasant.
50	50	West Penn.	West Penn Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
362	362	Whitney.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
300	300	Wynn.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
28	28	Youngstown.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.

## YOUGH PUMPS



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Pumps built for every kind of service, Steam, Electric or Air Driven, in Plunger or Piston Pattern. Special attention given to Pumping for mine service. Boiler Feeders with self-grinding Bronze Valves, outside and packed Plungers. Superior features of the Yough Pump—Great strength, durability, master-  
ful, and low cost of operation and maintenance.

BOYTS, PORTER & COMPANY  
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## THE RECOVERY OF POTASH FROM THE GASES OF FURNACES

A Possible Source of a Much  
Needed Article of  
Commerce

### REDUCING COST OF IRON MAKING

To a Very Low Point By Reason of the  
Great Value of the Most Important  
By-Product; If Successful Will Revolutionize the Smelting of Iron

As the result of investigation and  
research made by an experienced  
chemist and metallurgist, it is an  
assumption that if it is now reasonably  
assured that an ample supply of potash  
can be saved as a by-product in  
iron-making sufficient to more than  
meet the needs of the country and to  
bring about a reduction in the cost of  
iron, even under anti-war conditions,  
equivalent to the expense of smelting.

Charles Cattell of Staunton, Va., for-  
merly a chemist with the Carnegie  
Steel Company, has recently conducted  
a series of experiments with a view to  
the recovery of the by-products of iron  
making. In light of present events  
potash is regarded as the most im-  
portant of the by-products. Potash is  
always present in the furnace burden  
being derived from the ash in the coke,  
and the limestone used as flux. Cer-  
tain grades of ore carry an high as 2  
per cent potash.

During the process of smelting the  
potash is formed into potassium  
cyanide. Early investigations of the  
chemical phenomena of iron smelting  
showed that considerable quantities of  
cyanide are produced during the  
smelting process, estimated by Sir  
Lowithall Bell, an accepted authority,  
at 6 tons for each 100 tons of iron pro-  
duced. Thus far no process has been  
evolved for utilizing this very useful  
agent, which now commands an al-  
most fabulous price for use in the arts.  
Chemist Cattell has discovered that  
by passing the furnace gases through  
an electric separator before they have  
reached the furnace stoves, where the  
cyanide is destroyed by the extreme  
heat, a high percentage can be re-  
covered. On an efficiency of 80 per  
cent he estimates that 4.8 tons can be  
saved per 100 tons of iron produced.

Potassium cyanide is now quoted at  
\$2,000 per ton, due to cutting off  
sources of supply by the European  
war. In normal times the price ranges  
about \$500. At the latter price, on a  
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iron, this by-product would have a  
value of \$24, as determined by Chemist  
Cattell by tests on low grades of  
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the utilization of the low grade ores.

### REORGANIZATION ARRANGED

Creditors' Committee of the United  
Coal Co. Has New Plan Ready.

The creditors' committee of the  
United Coal Company has completed  
its new plan for reorganization which  
provides for a new company with  
\$2,750,000 preferred 5% cumulative  
stock, \$5,847,956 common stock and  
\$25,500 purchase money mortgages.

The new securities will be ex-  
changed for the old on the basis of  
62 1/4% of new preferred stock and  
62 1/4% of new common stock for old  
notes of the company. Holders of  
old bonds will receive 50% preferred  
stock and 60% common stock. Un-  
secured claims above \$400 will re-  
ceive 25% preferred and 75% com-  
mon stock. All claims under \$400  
will be paid in cash.

### SALE SURFACE, NOT COAL.

The sale by the Pittsburgh Coal Com-  
pany of 132 acres in the borough of  
Wilson, near Clairton, to the Clarion  
Land Company, was erroneously re-  
ported as being a coal transaction.  
The land has no coal under it and was  
purchased presumably in the interests  
of the United States Steel Corporation.

Westmoreland Chancery.  
The annual meeting of the West-  
moreland Classis of the Reformed  
Church will convene Tuesday evening  
in Harrison City and will be in ses-  
sion throughout the week. Rev. C. E.  
Wagner, pastor, and C. A. Purbaugh,  
an elder of the Trinity Reformed  
Church, will attend.

### MIDVALE BUYS IDLE MILL.

The Midvale Steel & Ordnance Com-  
pany has purchased the property of the  
Diamond State Steel Company at Wil-  
mington, Del., including 50 acres of  
land, five furnaces and numerous mills.  
The property has been idle for two  
years.

### NOT BUYING SOUTHERN PLANTS.

Charles M. Schwab has denied the  
rumor that the Bethlehem Steel Com-  
pany has been negotiating for the  
properties of the Alabama and Gulf  
Coast Sheet companies in the Bir-  
mingham district.

### KENYON BY-PRODUCT COKE.

The Kenyay process coke-oven plants in  
Kenyay is now quoted at 14 per ton  
delivered at Louisville.

## WHY STEEL COMPANIES ASK REPARATION FROM RAILROADS

Arguments Before Interstate Com-  
merce Commission on Cases  
Growing Out of R. E. Railings.

Argument was heard last week by  
the Interstate Commerce Commission on  
the requests of Jones & Laughlin  
Steel Company, Lackawanna Steel  
Company and the United States Steel  
Corporation, owners of industrial  
railroads, for reparation from the  
trunk line railroads.

The cases grew out of the original  
order of the Interstate Commerce  
Commission in the industrial rail-  
roads' cases, by which joint rates and  
through rates with the industrial  
lines were cut off by the trunk car-  
riers from April 15, 1914, until April  
15, 1915, allowances being resumed  
on the latter date, by a supplemental  
order of the commission.

It was argued by the steel companies  
that the elimination of allowances  
made necessary the establishment of  
local and higher rates on industrial  
lines serving manufacturing plants,  
and the differences between the rates  
prevailing before and after the allow-  
ances were cut off are songht.

In their argument the railroads  
ignored the question of higher rates  
which prevailed when allowances to  
industrial lines were cut off, and bas-  
ed their argument on the claim that in-  
dustrial lines had discriminated in  
rates paid by shippers.

### INDEPENDENT OF GERMANY

In the Industrial Applications of  
Chemistry, Says Dr. Ritterman.

At an address in Pittsburgh Satur-  
day evening Dr. Walter W. Ritterman,  
formerly of the United States Bureau of  
Mines told of the several patents,  
involving the processes of recovering  
phenol and other by-products from  
coal tar, he has turned over to the  
government. He said that necessity  
has caused the chemists of this country  
to delve into the secrets of Germany  
to such an extent that they now  
are entirely independent of Germany  
or any other country in the produc-  
tion of aniline dyes and like products.

"We can produce gasoline now from  
petroleum 30 per cent cheaper than  
heretofore, and we can produce all  
coal-tar by-products as well and as  
cheaply as Germany can," he said.

### 120,000 ACCIDENTS

Have Occurred Since New Compensa-  
tion Law Went Into Effect.

There have been 120,000 accidents  
to workers in the mines, industrial  
plants, or those employed by public  
service corporations in Pennsylvania  
since the workmen's compensation act  
went into effect January 1. Eight  
hundred and eighteen fatalities, 285  
deaths being due to mine disasters;  
290 to accidents in industrial  
work and 143 victims being men em-  
ployed by public service companies.

Of the entire number of cases re-  
ported to the State Department of La-  
bor and Industry only 275 have re-  
sulted in contests before the work-  
men's compensation board, all the  
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### NEW TONNAGE RECORD.

Unfilled Orders of the United States  
Steel Corporation Greatest Yet.

Unfilled orders on the books of the  
United States Steel Corporation on April  
30, totalled 9,829,551 tons. This figure  
is an increase of 498,550 tons over  
the previous monthly report, it-  
self a record figure. Unfilled orders  
one year ago were 4,162,244 tons. The  
company booked business at the rate of  
about 73,000 tons a day during April,  
compared with nearly 30,000 tons a  
day booked during March.

The unfilled order record of the  
Steel Corporation set in December,  
1906, which was 8,482,718 tons, was  
broken in February of this year, and  
each succeeding month has set a new  
mark.

### APRIL EARNINGS

Of Steel Corporation Less Than March  
Due to Smaller Shipments.

The April earnings of the United  
States Steel Corporation are estimated  
to have been approximately \$22,100,-  
000. This is considerably less than  
in March due to the fact that ship-  
ments in April were smaller although  
the net earnings per ton, estimated  
at approximately \$17 were record-  
breaking.

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### HEAVY PIG IRON SALES.

Total Since January More Than 3,000,-  
000 Tons, Double That of 1915.

The total sales of all kinds of pig  
iron made during April was 800,000  
tons, nearly 600,000 tons of which were  
placed during the last half of the  
month. In March contracts were book-  
ed for 1,300,000 tons; February sales  
amounted to 900,000 tons and January  
orders were 400,000 tons, so that since  
the first of January, the blast furnaces  
have sold 3,400,000 tons.

During the first four months last  
year, pig iron contracts booked aggregated  
1,540,000 tons.

### BIG BETHLEHEM EXPENDITURES.

The Bethlehem Steel Company in  
1915 will expend approximately \$25,-  
000,000 to \$30,000,000 on property ad-  
ditions. The company now employs,  
including Pennsylvania Steel Com-  
pany, 52,000 men, 25% more than last  
year in same properties.

### Men Scarce in Anthracite Region.

Advertisements for help are appear-  
ing in the Pennsylvania coal regions,  
for the first time, it is said, in their  
history, due to the war in Europe and  
the demand for workers in munition  
plants.

### Will Build 210 By-Product Ovens.

It has been announced that the new  
by-product coke-oven plant to be built at  
the Ohio plant of the Carnegie Steel  
Company, Youngstown, will consist  
of 110 ovens.

## LIST OF COKE OVENS IN The Lower Connellsville District

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to  
Saturday, May 13, 1916.

Total Ovens	In Blast	Name of Works	Name of Operators	P. O. Address
400	400	Adair	Adair Coke Company, W. Harry Brown.	Uniontown, Aldie, Pa. Co.
120	120	Alicia	W. J. Rainey	New York.
200	200	Allison No. 2	W. J. Rainey	Pittsburgh.
142	142	American No. 1	American C. & C. Co., C. & C. Co. & Coke Co.	Uniontown.
140	40	American No. 2	American C. & C. Co., C. & C. Co. & Coke Co.	Uniontown.
120	120	Atchison	Atchison Iron & Steel Co., Bellevueton Coal & Coke Co.	Bellevueton.
150	150	Bethel	Bethel Hill Coke Co.	Bethel Hill.
20	20	Brownsville	Brownsville Coke Co.	Brownsville.
20	20	Brownsville	I. W. Seeger	Uniontown.
426	426	Buffington	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburgh.
205	205	Burningham	Burningham Coal & Coke Co.	Burningham.
149	149	Edina	Edina Coke Co.	Uniontown.
20	20	Bishop	Bishopton Coal & Coke Co.	Bishopton.
800	140	Colonial No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburgh.
800	140	Colonial No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburgh.
800	800	Colonial No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburgh.
248	248	Denby	Denby Coke Co.	Pittsburgh.
402	402	Donald J. & S.	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co.	Connellsville.
500	420	Edinboro	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburgh.
149	149	Edina	Edina Coke Co.	Uniontown.
32	32	Eisbier	Eisbier Coal & Coke Co.	Westmoreland.
200	200	Fairbank	Fairbank Coke Co.	Fairbank.
32	32	Fineley	J. C. Bryan & Co.	Fineley.
80	80	Fretts	South Fayette Coke Co.	South Fayette.
90	90	Garwood	Aspinwall-C. & C. Co.	Aspinwall.
200	200	Griffith No. 1	Hillman-Naff Coke Co.	Pittsburgh.
200	200	Griffith No. 2	Hillman-Naff Coke Co.	Pittsburgh.
21	21	Harbert	Harbert Coke Co.	Harbert.
82	82	Hill Top	Hill Top.	Uniontown.
118	118	Histed	James H. Histed.	Uniontown.
185	185	Histed	Histed Coke Co.	Uniontown.
200	200	Isabella	Isabella-C. & C. Co.	Isabella.
229	229	Lafayette	Alma Coke Co.	Holiday.
518	485	Lambert	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburgh.
80	80	Loon	Franklin Coke Co.	Franklin.
400	400	Lincoln	Lincoln Coke & Coke Co.	Lincoln.
280	280	Low Phos	Low Phos.	Youngstown.
54	54	Luzerne	Repulse Iron & Steel Co.	Luzerne.
244	244	McKees	McKees Coke Co.	McKeesport.
82	82	McKees	Edna Coke Co.	Connellsville.
90	90	McKees	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburgh.
58	58	McKees	Edna Coke Co.	Connellsville.
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THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 18, 1916.

## THE HIGH SCHOOL SITE.

The action of the School Board in selecting a site for the High School is involved in some mystery. Like its selection of an architect and other matters, this seems to have been done piecemeal a couple of weeks ago and for some unexplained reason was not formally acted upon until last night. It seems to have involved the resignation of one director recognized as one of the ablest members of the board. The Courier reserves further comment on this matter until the light is turned on and all the twilight spots are eliminated.

It has been a generally recognized that the board could not afford to pay any considerable sum of money for a site. When the people voted the board knew they did not contemplate that any of the money would be so expended. The plan submitted for the new High School building is an ambitious one. It provides well for future needs as well as present requirements.

The amount available for the High School improvement is now said to be upwards of \$200,000. It being the purpose of the board to give the West Side but \$50,000 for its improvement. The ground for the site selected for the new High School building will cost not less than \$30,000 and may cost more. The fact has never been developed, but there is a matter of \$11,000 or \$12,000 architect's commission to be added to this, leaving less than \$160,000 for the construction of the building. It is the opinion of experts that the building cannot be put up at this price. This, of course, remains to be seen but the demonstration is close at hand.

The Connellsville people refused a few years ago to vote the School Board \$200,000 for the erection of a new school building because they were not inclined to trust the discretion of the then members with the expenditure of this sum of money. They seem to have thought better of the present board. Its members should be careful to do nothing that will destroy this confidence or even involve it in doubt.

## CLEAN UP DAY

Spring house-cleaning is an ancient and honorable institution which has prevailed in this country ever since the landing of the Pilgrims, but municipal clean-up days are of comparatively recent origin, and are taken to indicate the first real impression lovely woman has made upon American government. More men never had any interest in the back yard in spring time except to test its soil for worms when the fishing season arrived. Somewhere, somehow, we must allow, the spirit of house-cleaning burst its bounds and spread over the community through the influence and example of the women.

House Cleaning is extremely disagreeable to most men, and Clean Up Day is not pleasant to many others but such men are not being consulted today by the city authorities and it is hoped that their influence has not been dominant in their households this spring.

Spring house-cleaning is necessary to the removal of the dirt and filth which accumulate during the winter inside of the house and city cleaning is necessary in the spring to remove similar accumulations from the yards and back alleys.

There ought to be no accumulations of this character inside or outside and perhaps if the habit of cleanliness is sufficiently inculcated house-cleaning and cleaning up days will no longer be necessary.

In the meantime, however, it is the duty of the day to clean up one a premises thoroughly and turn the gross results over to the city authorities for disposal to the end that every man shall face the summer's heat with good sanitary conditions which are half the battle against epidemic diseases.

## CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS.

The knifing of the playground proposition in the Council after the fall of the city had been a great disappointment to Connellsville parents and children. They still hope that the matter may be reconsidered and the decision reversed. The Hogg plot is an ideal playground.

In the meantime Connellsville might follow the example of other cities and towns and make public playgrounds on some of the vacant lots which may be desirable and available. The proposition is not necessarily one for the Council. In other places it has been handled through local associations. The ladies have had much to do with forwarding these movements. All they need is the lots, which should be free of cost or at a nominal rental. The equipment, consisting of swings, slides and other devices is supplied by funds privately donated. Some times the city helps.

Many Connellsville children have no place to play but in the streets. Their homes have no yards. Since the advent of the automobile and the auto-track the streets are dangerous places for children, almost as dangerous as the railroad tracks. The necessity for playgrounds is crying.

Who will head a children's play ground movement?

The epidemic of measles in Connellsville seriously cut down the attendance at school and the percentages of the pupils. At first glance it would seem unfair to reduce the pupils average for absence and so it is as far as it is a test of the pupils' ability as an teacher, but as record of his progress for any during an entire term, a portion only of which he spent in school, is proper and allowable.

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## CHEAP BALLOT PRINTING.

It has been reserved for Fayette county to demonstrate the high cost of cheap printing.

The Uniontown Standard bid the ballots down to cost or less in order to prevent the Uniontown Herald from making a profit on them. This job of county printing has always been given out to a county seat paper, and the Republican Commissioners have naturally picked Republican paper to do the job.

The Standard did the work for years. It was a Republican news paper then. Its publishers were practically permitted to name their own price for a long time. They claimed the work was so uncertain in its character, owing to the number of changes always made by them at the eleventh hour that its printing involved much extra time and expense.

Later when The Herald became the Republican organ and The Standard the Democratic organ, the printing of the ballots has been done by The Herald. Bills were taken, but other publishers having in mind the uncertain character of the work declined to bid. The Connellsville papers have never asked for the job of printing the ballots. Their job departments are managed by competent but careful people.

The Courier sympathizes with The Standard in its plight. Our policies are not personal. But so far as the public aspect of this matter is concerned we reserve the right to comment. It seems that the ballots are hopelessly bad and that it will be difficult to get them reprinted in time for the election all of which goes to show that bids for the printing of the ballots should be considered with regard to the ability of the printer to get out the work properly as well as his price. The lowest bid is not always the best bid.

Furthermore, it would be an excellent idea to have a special commissioner or superintendent of ballot printing to supervise the printing of the ballots giving him entire time and attention to the work, and this man should be a master printer.

## FOLLOWING THE MASTER.

The Methodist Episcopal General Conference has decided by a very decisive vote that the church has no place in politics.

It is a very sensible deliverance and will meet with general approval and out of the Methodist body. One of the most humiliating spectacles to the man who believes in his God and his creed, his church and his pastor is to see the pupil occupied by prominent politicians on weekdays and even Sundays, ostensibly for the purpose of preaching Christ but really for the purpose of dropping a political line in holy waters.

The practice has become quite common in some churches where spectacular methods have in a great measure displaced the old-fashioned notions of religious labor.

The Methodist Episcopal Conference has recognized the character of the political puissant who has profaned the Pulpit in greater degree than the money changers profaned the Temple. The money changers were cast forth by Jesus Christ and the political puissant have been ordered off the premises by the Sarcophagi Conference.

The Methodists are merely following the footsteps of the Master.

## THE PRUCE CASE.

Austria recognizes the rights of naturalized American citizens fully and fairly in the Pruce case.

The Connellsville coke region has received many Austro-Hungarian citizens into its employment and returned many of them well provided with funds. Others have determined to make their homes here and have become citizens. Prince of Esterhazy was in the latter class. He was caught visiting his native home and pressed into army service, but on protest of the American Government he was plucked from the arms of the eve of battle and sent back to the United States.

It has been often hinted that American naturalizations would not count for anything in Austria and Hungary if any of her native sons were apprehended on native soil when their services were needed but the recognition of American citizenship has been full and complete in the Pruce case.

Generally speaking it may be said that the Teutonic governments have evinced a disposition to meet American demands for justice while the British Government has been attentive to the complaint but inattentive to its examination.

## ON TO MEXICO!

Representative Clegg has presented to Congress an official report of the quick mobilization of the Tenth Regiment, called upon for riot duty as an evidence of the preparedness of the Pennsylvania militia for actual service.

The report has been so convincing that it is intimated at Washington the Pennsylvania boys will be called out for duty in Mexico.

Mexico is a long way from us and some of the soldiers perhaps didn't join the army with the expectation of being sent out of the state unless actual war existed with another nation. But they are to a man not only prepared but willing to fight the battles of the country whenever called upon and wherever dispatched.

## NIGHT MINING SCHOOLS.

The examining board passing upon the qualifications of mine foremen and the bosses in this region have emphasized the need of night schools saying the lack of preparation for mining certificates is manifest.

James Wardlaw is agitating the establishment in every school district of a mining school whose sole aim shall be to teach pupils how to prepare on the part of the owners of the coal. This is however a good excuse for delay and exoneration is not asked.

It seems that the Wardlaw proposition ought to solve the question properly, but the schools might contain instruction for others whose ambitions run in different lines. Some half-grown boys and some grown men might like to learn how to read and write.

Washington Sentinel jeans to Justice Hughes as the Republican candidate for President, but the Justice is leaning the other way.

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# BOARD DECIDE TO ERECT NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING AT THE FAIRVIEW AND PROSPECT CORNER

Agree to Accept Armstrong's Offer to Sell for \$11,500.

## THIERS WILL BE CONDEMNED

New Site Can be Secured for Less Than \$30,000, It Is Expected; Resolution Passed Authorizing Sale of \$20,000 in Bonds; Ripley Resigns.

The new high school site has been chosen. School board came to a decision Tuesday to "buy the property of J. A. Armstrong on South Prospect street for \$11,500 and to condemn the properties of George J. B. and W. H. Showman and W. H. Johnson, all lying along the intersection of Fairview avenue and Prospect road." It is said that the entire site can be secured for less than \$30,000. The site fronts 202 feet on Fairview avenue and 165 feet on Prospect road, running back to Church place and far east on Fairview avenue across the Featherman property. It was one of the first considered and, in the final sifting out of available locations, this one and the East Park Addition lot remained. The board came to a decision at a special meeting last evening night when J. A. Armstrong's proposal to sell for \$11,500 was accepted. It was then decided to condemn the other properties and notice will be served on all of the property owners to that effect. It was indicated by Collector H. G. May that at least one of the others might come to terms with the board without condemnation. S. B. Dull, who has a grocery store on the Showman lot, will be notified.

The Armstrong property comprises 1/40th of the entire site. Its sale, such a low figure, it is believed, will have weight with the court in fixing the figures at which the other properties shall be purchased. Armstrong reserves the shrubbery and fixtures of his property. He is expected to vacate within 30 days.

The condemnation proceedings will be pushed as rapidly as possible by Collector H. G. May. In the meantime, while W. G. Eccles of New Castle is notified that the site had been chosen. At his direction, engineers are employed to ascertain the rocks, depth of sewers, water and gas mains and other data necessary in the preparation of his plans. If plans do not miscarry the building will be under roof by winter. Directors seem especially anxious to accomplish this. Once the structure is under way on the interior can be pushed without interruption.

In order to protect the district still further, Collector H. G. May will see to the abstraction of titles to all of the land involved so that the board may be assured there are no legal flaws in deeds.

A resolution authorizing the sale of \$25,000 school bonds to P. S. Ridge & Company of Philadelphia, as passed. This was the formal ratification of action taken at the last regular meeting. The board agrees to set aside \$12,000 for interest on the bonds the first year and \$20,000 each year thereafter. It is estimated that interest will amount to \$11,525 a year. There will also be \$8,620 set aside each year toward the redemption of the bonds.

The resignation of J. A. Ripley as a member of the board was submitted verbally by President J. R. Davidson. He said that Mr. Ripley had submitted written resignation last Wednesday and that he had left it in another cost. Davidson could not even remember what was in the resignation. It was accepted, however, and W. W. Smith of Johnson avenue, was elected his successor. He will serve until December, 1917. Mr. Smith appeared later and was sworn in by President Davidson. He was formerly a member of the board, retiring two years ago.

The board decided to meet Thursday night for a conference with H. W. Jumans of Uniontown, architect for the new West Side grade building.

A bill for \$25 to C. M. Felt Jr. of Uniontown, for auctioneering at the site of the Seventh street school was signed.

A communication was received from the real estate department of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad declining to hang the deed for Fayette Field. He heard wanted permission to subdivide the field for circus or other amusement purposes but the company will not change the form of its contract. W. O. Schoenover, chief clerk of Superintendent O. L. Eaton, however, has given the verbal right to be board to sub-lease the field.

All members were present except P. W. Haines.

## NEW CAR SERVICE

Half Hour Schedule With Large Cars on South Connellsville Line.

Half hour service with a double-deck "two-man" car will be effective in the South Connellsville branch of the West Penn hereafter. Finding it impossible to maintain schedules with the small cars running every 15 minutes between 12 and 8 o'clock P. M., the company has decided to maintain all hour service with the large cars during the entire day from early morning until 12 o'clock at night.

Superintendent of Transportation said: "Darts announced today that extra cars would be run on Saturday afternoons or whenever the traffic warrants it. On those occasions an extra car will be run on the 15 minute schedule."

## Straw Hat Day

Brownsburg has proclaimed today as "Straw Hat Day." According to its decree, any man appearing on the streets tomorrow in his winter headgear will be considered out of form.

## TRAFFIC MAY COST \$60,000

The strike service of the National Guard organizations in Allegheny county will cost the state between \$60,000 and \$80,000.

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## FOREIGN TRADE TO BE PROMOTED BY NEXT CONGRESS

Hopwood is Confident Next House Will Be Republican.

## NO GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP

Representative of 23rd District is Opposed to Shipping Bill Because He Does Not Favor Government Getting Into Any More Business.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—When the Republicans are once more in control of Congress, as they will be without doubt next session, in the opinion expressed today by Representative Hopwood, of Pennsylvania, they will do some of the things to promote the foreign trade of the United States which the Democratic party is failing to do. He said he was opposed to the shipping bill which the administration is backing, because he did not believe in the government going into any more business than it was now engaged in carrying on. Mr. Hopwood said he was of the opinion that no good would be accomplished by this bill, and that it would not help to promote the foreign trade of this country. He was in favor, he said, of the government granting subsidies to private enterprises which went into the shipping business.

"I am confident," said Mr. Hopwood, "that the Republicans will be in control of both branches of Congress next session. The Democrats themselves virtually admit this. In the Pennsylvania delegation I think it is possible we may reduce the number of Democrats, six at present out of 36, by at least two or three."

"When we are in power we will pass some of the legislation which is needed to aid American business to compete in the markets of the world on an equal basis with that from other countries. As was pointed out in a report which has just been made to Congress by the Federal Trade Commission, foreign producers and manufacturers are given every encouragement by their governments, and allowed to form powerful co-operative agencies through which they are able to undersell in many instances the American business man. This should not be so."

"I believe that a law can be passed which would fully guard all the rights of the people here against the abuses of monopolies and which would at the same time give to American coal, iron and steel and other producers and manufacturers the right lawfully to organize in such a way that they can compete successfully with the powerfully organized British, German and other foreign selling agencies."

"I do know that it would be possible to have some such legislative provision passed as a rider to the present shipping bill, but I do believe there is need for such legislation and that it will come at the next session when the Republicans get the chance. And along with it will come other legislation which will be of benefit to the American with goods to sell abroad."

"I am opposed to the administration's shipping bill because I do not approve of any more government ownership than we have now. If they extended it to shipping, they would try to extend it to telephone and telegraph, railroads and so on, so that the party in power when these measures were passed would have such an army of voters in its grasp and in that way such a hold on government control that it would never be possible to remove it from power. There should be subsidies to help us build up a merchant marine to carry our and our goods to South America and the Orient and other parts of the world but no government ownership of the ships."

"As for the monopolies getting beyond control if they are allowed to succeed in getting a price satisfactory to both school board and Father DeVivo, despite the fact that there was no spirited bidding. The latter bought in the building with the idea of using the material for the construction of a hall adjoining the new St. Rita's Church on South First street, West Side. Workmen started today to tear down the structure. A two-story building will be constructed on First street. The first floor will be made into a hall for lectures, banquets and other secular affairs for which the church may not be used and the second floor will be converted into library and reading rooms."

The raising of the Seventh street school removes another landmark. It was originally built by Cooper Patterson when New Haven was still in Dunbar township. In later years the same contractor built additions to it. Despite its age, the lumber is still good. Father DeVivo agreed to raze the building by June 1.

In the meantime the pupils of the Seventh street structure are "doubling up" in the Greenwood building, this arrangement having become effective last Wednesday.

## START SUNDAY TRAINS.

Indiana Creek Valley Railroad Ready For Summer Excursions.

The Indiana Creek Valley railroad will start its summer service next Sunday. The mountain scenery was never prettier than it is now, consequently a rush of excursionists is expected from now on.

J. M. Stauffer of Scottdale has already occupied his cottage at Killarney Park. Others are expected to be open soon.

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## MYSTERY SURROUNDS MURDER OF NEGRO NEAR DUNBAR

Woman Tells Police Her Husband Was Shot by a White Man; She Is Being Held.

Mystery surrounds the shooting of Marshall Blenton, a negro, 35 years old, who was found mortally wounded back of the Nemon property on Railroad street, Dunbar, about 10 o'clock Monday. A negro who said she was Blenton's wife, told the Dunbar police that her husband had been shot by a white man. She is in custody until a further investigation of the tragedy is made.

The wounded man was removed to the Cottage State Hospital where he died at 2:40 o'clock this morning. He died from a wound in the abdomen caused by a bullet from a .32 calibre revolver. He was first taken to the office of Dr. W. W. Warner who dressed the wound preparatory to removing him to the hospital.

The woman, said she and Blenton were walking down the tracks when they were attacked by the white man. She could give no reason for the shooting.

The body of the negro was removed to the establishment of Funeral Director J. E. Sims and Soners, S. M. Baum of Uniontown conducted a post mortem this morning. He enquired the following jury to conduct an inquest: A. Hager, R. J. Walsh, Dr. A. J. Colborn, E. L. Marietta, William McCormick and J. G. Fenton.

## EVERSON MAN IS KILLED WHEN AN AUTO OVERTURNS

Charles Glendenning Suffers Fractured Skull in Accident at Morgan.

## FOUR OTHERS ESCAPE INJURY

Chief of Police McCudden of Scottsdale and Four Companions Throw Out of Machine While Returning From Connellsville to Hunt Men.

While returning from Connellsville to Scottsdale in an automobile after midnight Saturday, Charles Glendenning, 26, of Everson, was fatally injured when the car overturned not far from Morgan. He was thrown out and pinned under the car, his skull being fractured. Despite the efforts of surgeons, he died at the Mount Pleasant Hospital on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Young Glendenning, Chief of Police Frank McCudden, Emanuel Danneker, Barney O'Toole and John Young of Scottsdale, had been to Connellsville in an effort to identify a man suspected of having drugged William Glendenning, Charles' brother, at Everson last week. Their search for the man proved futile and they were on their way home when the automobile skidded at a culvert and overturned. All of the occupants were thrown clear of the machine except Glendenning who was pinned beneath it.

Help was secured and the injured man was taken to Scottsdale where temporary surgical treatment was given him. He was later taken to the Mount Pleasant Hospital where the surgeons performed a delicate operation upon his skull. He lingered until 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Glendenning, who was very well known in Everson, is survived by a wife. Patrolmen John Barnes and J. A. Shumaker arrested two other men suspected of being implicated in the Everson affair, in a local rooming house early Sunday morning. They were released in the afternoon, no evidence having been secured to connect them with the case.

## SUE COMMISSIONERS

If They Do Not Require Constables to Comply With Dog License Law.

The state authorities are determined that the county commissioners shall not allow the constables to escape from the penalties of the law providing for the extermination of unlicensed dogs. In order to secure the enforcement of its provisions the announcement was made yesterday that suits will be brought against all county commissioners who neglect or refuse to require constables to comply with the Acts of 1891 and 1915.

The attorney general's department, assisted by the state game commission, will conduct the prosecutions which may become necessary.

To Practice Before Supreme Court.

The Connellsville Automobile Club has learned that a speed trap has been set on the state road between Connellsville and Leiseningen and warning signs have been sent out to all drivers to be careful along this fine stretch of road so that they may not contribute to the support of any enterprising township constable.

A section of the road has been measured off, it is said, and the constables have armed themselves with stop watches so as to prove whether the speed limit is being exceeded.

To Increase Indebtedness.

The Kendall Lumber Company has filed with the state department at Harrisburg notice of an increase of \$65,000 in its indebtedness.

Officers With Stop Watches Time Drivers on the Leiseningen Road.

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Delivers Address.

Theodore Hickey of Scottsdale delivered an address yesterday morning at the First Methodist Episcopal Church in the absence of Rev. G. L. Richardson, the pastor, who is attending the general conference at Saratoga Springs.

Says He Was Invited.

Rev. W. M. Bracken has written the Courier, insisting that he was uninvitedly invited to deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the Smithfield graduating class.

On Duty Again.

T. L. Luck, Pullman conductor on

Baltimore & Ohio trains Nos. 3 and 4, who has been off duty for the past few weeks with a ruptured hand, has returned to work.

## PREPAREDNESS IS EMPHASIZED BY BORDER SITUATION

Col. Crago Warns Against Denuding Coast Defenses of Men.

## WAS NOT PROPERLY HANDLED

Strong Settled Policy of Administration Would Have Avoided Many Difficulties; Mobilization of Border Militia Not Test of National Guard.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—The situation along the Mexican border has emphasized the need of greater military preparedness, in the opinion of Representative Crago, as expressed by him yesterday. At the same time he criticized the weakness which the administration has shown in handling the entire Mexican situation.

Representative Temple of Pennsylvania, in commenting on the calling out of the state national guards of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona to

help patrol the border, expressed the opinion that the national guards of number of other states could have made a much better showing both in mobilization and in some other respects.

"The Pennsylvania National Guard is better equipped and better organized," said Dr. Temple, "than is that of any of the states along the border. I am not giving this as a reason or saying that the guard of my own state should have been called into the service of the country in preference to what has been done. But if the calling out of the national guard for duty along the border is to be looked on in any sense as a test of what the state militia can do in the way of quick mobilization and to show fine organization, I believe the guard of Pennsylvania or of New York, Ohio or Massachusetts, any of these states, could have accomplished much more in bringing to the notice of the country the usefulness of the militia."

"And I am of the opinion," continued Representative Temple, "that in spite of the distance of these northern states from the border and the time it would have taken them to have reached the southern line, they would have been fully mobilized and ready for service in less time than in the case with the militia which has been ordered out."

"I am not saying that as individuals the men of the Texas and the New Mexico and Arizona militia are not as good fighting men as those in the other states I have mentioned; but the point I make is that they have not the equipment and the organization to bring them as nearly on a level with the regular army as have the other state guards, including that of Pennsylvania, which I have mentioned. In order to fill out their ranks the border states' militia which have been called on, will be obliged to secure a considerable number of recruits and it will, of course, be some time before these new raw soldiers can be whipped into any sort of shape. While in that territory there is no doubt, it may be easy to secure plenty of men who have had certain training which may be valuable from a soldier's point of view, nevertheless these men have not received the organization training which plays such an important part in the work they must perform."

Representative Crago would not say that he thought more of the national guard should be called out to help handle the Mexican situation, but he did say that the coast defenses of the country should not be entirely denuded of men and that the whole situation not only to show the need of a stronger military establishment in the United States but that it would never have come to such a critical stage if it had been handled properly in the first place. If the administration had laid down a strong settled policy which it would have lived up to and which Mexico and other foreign nations would have known it intended to enforce."

## NEW PATROLMAN APPOINTED.

J. Coughenour Succeeds James Francis as Member of Force.

A new policeman was appointed by Mayor Martin this morning, to take the place of James Francis, resigned. J. Coughenour is the new patrolman Francis quit the police force when the garbage contract was let to him and he died.

Township Auditor Resigns.

UNIONTOWN, May 12.—The resignation of Amzi Miner, township auditor in Bullskin township, was presented to Judge J. Q. Van Swearingen. He appointed Samuel A. Harshman to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Miner upon petition of a number of the citizens of the township.

MISS MARGARET SHOWALTER.

Miss Margaret Showalter, 64 years old, died Sunday morning at the home of her brother, J. M. Showalter, in Washington, Pa. Until one year ago Miss Showalter had resided at Smithfield, to which place the body was shipped today. Funeral will be held Saturday morning.

She is survived by the following brothers: J. M. Showalter of Washington, Pa.; E. S. Showalter of Uniontown, and one sister, Mrs. Ida Dyal of Orion, Ill. Deceased was an aunt of Mrs. August Stickel of Connellsville.

MR. VALENTINE P. KERR.

Valentine P. Kerr, clerk at the Hill House in Scottsdale, who

**CONNELLSVILLE TO PAY OVER \$30,000 TAXES THIS YEAR**

**Announcement After Completion of Assessments for 1916.**

**CITY VALUATION \$5,191,976**

**City to Pay \$11,875 Toward General Expenses of the County, \$7,789 for Roads, \$5,182 for County Home and \$2,909 Tax on Money at Interest.**

**UNIONTON, May 12.—Property owners and voters of Connellsville are expected to pay to Fayette county this year \$31,548.26 in taxes. This announcement was made today by the county commissioners after the 1916 assessments for Connellsville had been completed. The entire valuation in the seven wards of Connellsville has been fixed at \$5,191,976, of which the real estate is assessed at \$4,726,861. The occupations are assessed at \$446,575. The value of 247 horses in the city are valued at \$16,559, and 89 head of cattle at \$1,990. There is \$747,446 at interest owned by Connellsville taxpayers.**

**Toward the general expenses of the county, the tax payers of Connellsville are expected to pay this year \$15,576.51. For the roads of the county they are required to pay in county road tax \$17,89.30, and for the upkeep and maintenance of the county home and children's home, the Young city must contribute \$5,182.66 as poor tax. Upon the money at interest, the county will derive \$2,909 from Connellsville.**

**The commissioners completed the work on the assessment rolls for Connellsville this forenoon. The county duplicate and the school blotters for Connellsville are now being prepared in the commissioners' office.**

**The assessments in each of Connellsville's seven wards is as follows:**

**First Ward—Horses 59; cattle 6; money at interest, \$292,533; value of occupations, \$50,016; value of real estate, \$1,148,961; value of horses, \$2,775; value of cattle, \$250; total county valuation, \$1,201,751; county tax, \$3,603.31; county road tax, \$1,802.78; county poor tax, \$1,021.81; tax on money at interest, \$174.16.**

**Second Ward—Horses 26; cattle 6; money at interest, \$19,190; value of occupations, \$45,625; value of real estate, \$612,930; value of horses, \$2,525; value of cattle, \$180; total county valuation, \$671,310; county tax, \$8,014; county road tax, \$1,007.95; county poor tax, \$671.48; tax on money at interest, \$367.93.**

**Third Ward—Horses 75; cattle 46; money at interest, \$78,291; value of occupations, \$105,125; value of real estate, \$769,526; value of horses, \$2,550; value of cattle, \$1200; total county valuation, \$875,400; county tax, \$1,319.46; county poor tax, \$87.57; tax on money at interest, \$313.16.**

**Fourth Ward—Horses 38; cattle 1; money at interest, \$18,240; value of occupations, \$71,900; value of real estate, \$746,640; value of horses, \$2,440; value of cattle, \$20; total county valuation, \$820,960; county tax, \$2,463.94; county road tax, \$1,231.64; county poor tax, \$821.02; tax on money at interest, \$472.05.**

**Fifth Ward—Horses 6; cattle 2; money at interest, \$52,578; value of occupations, \$75,650; value of real estate, \$635,750; value of horses, \$235; value of cattle, \$50; total county valuation, \$715,775; county tax, \$2,147.23; county road tax, \$1,073.86; county poor tax, \$592.17; tax on money at interest, \$39.14.**

**Sixth Ward—Horses 31; cattle 6; money at interest, \$24,184; value of occupations, \$44,225; value of real estate, \$46,125; value of horses, \$1,525; value of cattle, \$80; total county valuation, \$392,075; county tax, \$1,176.32; county road tax, \$658.26; county poor tax, \$392.17; tax on money at interest, \$348.14.**

**WANT BOND ISSUE**

**Citizens of Dunbar Will Vote on \$2,000 for School Board.**

**A large number of citizens of Dunbar met on Thursday in the office of the burgess with the school board of the borough in the interest of a \$2,000 bond issue. This issue proposed by the board is to build a four room brick high school building, pay off the indebtedness on the old building, make repairs and equip the old building with fire escapes to comply with the state law. The bond issue will be voted upon Tuesday and the general consensus of opinion is that it will carry.**

**The borough of Dunbar is badly in need of a new high school building, and the old one is in need of repairs. The board feels that the amount of the bond issue proposed will erect the new building, pay off the indebtedness and make all repairs on the old building which are necessary. While some of the citizens were not in favor of the issue during the earlier part of the meeting their opinion was changed after the board had carefully explained how the money was to be expended.**

**For Postmaster at Oliver.**

**An examination will be held at Uniontown on June 19 of candidates to fill a prospective vacancy in the office of postmaster at Oliver.**

**Kicked by Horse.**

**Andy Fabo, 32 years old, was kicked by a horse in the Filbert mines and is in the Uniontown hospital in a serious condition.**

**CONNELLSVILLE SPEAKERS AT RELIGIOUS CONVENTION**

**Rev. Buckner and Wife Address Christian Church Gathering at Brownsville Yesterday.**

**At the morning session of the convention of Christian churches held in South Brownsville Thursday, Rev. C. C. Buckner of Connellsville, delivered an address entitled, "Evangelism in the Bible School." Rev. E. A. Cole of the Knoxville church, Pittsburgh, spoke on "Organization for Conservation."**

**The opening address of the afternoon session was made by Rev. W. S. Cook of Wilkinsburg, and was entitled "The Specific Task of the Church."**

**The C. W. B. M. session was presided over by Mrs. T. W. Phillips of New Castle, state president. Addresses were made by Mrs. C. C. Buckner of Connellsville, Mrs. Floyd Goodnight and Mrs. M. M. Cochran of Uniontown, Mrs. R. G. Manley of Republic, and Miss Elsie Taylor of Pittsburgh, the latter being the state secretary.**

**Rev. F. A. Bright of Bellevue, gave the principal address at the evening session, his subject being, "America, the Strategic Battleground." Rev. A. Young of Pittsburgh, secretary of the Western Pennsylvania Missionary Society, spoke upon missions in place of Rev. Charles Darsie, who was unable to be present. The offerings were turned over to Rev. Young's society for use in missionary work. Perryopolis was chosen as the place of the next meeting which will be held during the month of October. The Ladies' Aid Society of the South Brownsville Church entertained the delegates at luncheon and supper.**

**Rev. R. G. Manley of Republic, conducted the devotional exercises at all sessions.**

**The Connellsville church was repre-**

**sed by Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Buckner, Mrs. Dorcas Norton, Mrs. J. W. Waddell and Guinevere Buckner.**

**EVERSON AUSTRIAN FREED BY HOPWOOD'S EFFORTS**

**Michael Prince Escapes War Service When Going Into Battle in Which Brother Was Crippled.**

**WASHINGTON, May 12.—For helping Michael Prince, an Austrian who had become an American citizen, to gain his freedom from service in the Austrian army and to return to his home in the United States, Representative Hopwood has earned the lasting gratitude of the gentleman, in question and of his family here, and has just received a letter from Prince in which he expresses his warm appreciation for Mr. Hopwood's efforts in his behalf.**

**The matter was taken up through the state department here which secured the release of Prince just as he was about to go into battle in which his brother was crippled badly and most of his comrades killed.**

**Prince's home is at Everson, Pa. He went to Europe just before the outbreak of the war. His wife brought the matter to the attention of the authorities here.**

**SCOTTDALE CHEMIST.**

**Now With the British Army at the Front Somewhere in France.**

**Thomas Allcock, formerly a chemist at the pipe mill in Scottdale, is now a soldier at the front with the British army. He went to the Panama exposition at San Francisco about a year ago; thence to China and later to England. He enlisted shortly after his arrival in his native land and is now "somewhere in France."**

**William Butler, president of the Scout council recently received a letter from Allcock recounting incidents of his travels and war experience.**

**THIRICE WIDOWED.**

**By Nine Accidents Is the Misfortune of Mrs. Saloma Lynch.**

**Mrs. Saloma Lynch was widowed by a mine accident for the third time in 26 years, when her husband, John Lynch, was killed by a fall of slate in the Atlas Coke Company's Lafayette mine near Waltersburg, Thursday morning.**

**Mrs. Lynch's first husband was killed 26 years ago, and three years later her second husband met death, both being due to mine accidents. Besides his widow, Lynch leaves five children.**

**Family Reunion.**

**A reunion of the MacPherson family was held Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Smith at Dunbar when Mrs. Smith entertained her three sisters, Miss Marian MacPherson of Dunbar, Margaret, wife of John C. McMunn, and Biddle, wife of Robert G. Elsick of Pittsburgh, together with a number of nieces and nephews. J. G. MacPherson, the only male member of the family delivered a brief address. Delicious refreshments were served and a photograph**

**Rev. DeLarne Resigns.**

**Rev. A. A. DeLarne, a former pastor of the First Baptist Church of this city, has resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church of McKeesport and will leave soon for Omaha, Neb., where he has accepted a charge.**

**Elevator Boys Must Be 18.**

**The Johnstown school board is tempting fate by inserting an anti-marriage clause in the teachers' contract.**

**GOVERNOR BRUMBAUGH FAILS TO EXPLAIN \$5,000 CHARGE**

**"The Governor never abused my confidence nor my money," said Colonel Louis J. Kolb, a member of Governor Brumbaugh's military staff, in Philadelphia Wednesday when questioned about his contribution of \$5,000 to Dr. Brumbaugh's campaign.**

**Beyond the simple statement that Colonel Kolb told the truth, Governor Brumbaugh refused to discuss the charges made by Representative Isaac Stern of Philadelphia.**

**The charge of Representative Stern that Governor Brumbaugh had failed to file an accounting, as required by the corrupt practices act, of a \$5,000 deposit for campaign purposes was the subject uppermost in the discussion of politicians in Philadelphia.**

**The replies of Governor Brumbaugh and Colonel Kolb to Representative Stern's charge were considered evasive.**

**Representative Stern last night**

**UNLICENSED DOGS WILL BE KILLED AFTER JUNE 5TH**

**County Commissioners Give Notice to Owners of Canines.**

**OTHER COUNTIES MORE DRASIC**

**In Westmoreland, Indiana and Washington Commissioners Impose Penalty of \$2 on Constables for Each Dog Not Killed; Garden Invaded.**

**The Fayette county commissioners have given notice that after June 5 township constables and the state constabulary will kill all dogs in the county that don't wear license tags, regardless of whose property the canines may be.**

**Citizens in Keeping With the Day; Presbyterian Church Dedicates Window.**

**MOTHER'S DAY FITTINGLY OBSERVED IN THE CHURCHES**

**Special Sermons and Music in Keeping With the Day; Presbyterian Church Dedicates Window.**

**Mother's Day was fittingly observed Sunday in all parts of the world.**

**The general idea of Mother's Day was conceived by Miss Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia and the holiday has become one of the most sacred of the year.**

**Mother's Day is the one holiday which can be observed as one nation and from practically all the church pulpits and various other gatherings the name of mother was praised.**

**White carnations, the badge denoting purity, lilies of the valley and various other white blossoms were worn by men, women and children whose mothers have passed away while many persons whose mothers are living wore her favorite flower.**

**The day was appropriately observed in virtually all the local churches.**

**Speaking sermons in which the highest tribute was paid the mother, were delivered by all the pastors and the choirs rendered a program in keeping with the day.**

**At the First Presbyterian Church the new Mother's window was dedicated.**

**The pastor, Rev. J. S. Showers, pastor of the United Brethren Church chose as his subject, "Priceless Womanhood."**

**Rev. C. C. Buckner, pastor of the Christian Church, delivered a sermon on "Motherhood."**

**Rev. C. E. Wagner, pastor of the Trinity Reformed Church, took as his subject, "The Mother's Life."**

**At the United Presbyterian Church, Rev. W. J. Everhart, the pastor, preached on "The Possibilities of Mother."**

**Rev. J. Wilbur Nelson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, preached on "The Glory of Motherhood."**

**All the churches were handsomely decorated with carnations, lilies of the valley and other cut flowers.**

**At the Baptist Church, the decorations were unusually attractive and were in charge of Misses Charlotte and Laura Hay.**

**Mother's Day will be observed next Sunday at the Trinity Lutheran and the First Methodist Episcopal Churches.**

**Rev. E. B. Burgess of the Trinity Lutheran Church will preach on "Exemplary Christian Womanhood."**

**NEW DUNBAR TEACHERS**

**Architect A. P. Cooper's Plans for New School Building at Monarch Are Approved.**

**The Dunbar township school board met Saturday afternoon at the Arthurs Hotel and in addition to electing 5 teachers accepted the plans submitted by Architect A. P. Cooper of Uniontown, for an eight room school building to be erected at Monarch to replace the old building condemned by Walter J. Lloyd, factory inspector. Bids will be advertised for and work will be commenced on the building as soon as possible.**

**The list of the townships in which the constables had not ventured forth on canine-exterminating expeditions was read in open court.**

**The judge remarked that out in his borough the dogs had been bothering his garden.**

**TAXIS NOT JITTERY.**

**Do Not Come Under Ruling of Public Service Commission.**

**Public Service Commission that auto buses or jitneys, as they are popularly called, are designated as common carriers and are required to secure a certificate of approval from the commission, does not apply to ordinary taxicabs, such as are in use in Connellsville.**

**The ruling of the Public Service Commission applies only to buses which operate over a scheduled route and at regular intervals.**

**STORK LEAVES DAUGHTER.**

**Mrs. Jane Morrison of Oliphont, has received word of the arrival of a daughter, Marian Morrison, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Whitelaw Morrison at Shanghai, China. The new arrival is a granddaughter of Mrs. Jane Morrison.**

**Rev. DeLarne Resigns.**

**Rev. A. A. DeLarne, a former pastor of the First Baptist Church of this city, has resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church of McKeesport and will leave soon for Omaha, Neb., where he has accepted a charge.**

**Elevator Boys Must Be 18.**

**The Johnstown school board is tempting fate by inserting an anti-marriage clause in the teachers' contract.**

**WILL ELECT TEACHERS.**

**A meeting of the Perry township school board will be held Saturday afternoon for the purpose of electing a high school principal and assistant, a supervising principal and assistants, a teacher for the Star Junction and Perryopolis schools.**

**BANK STATEMENTS.**

**REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE UNION NATIONAL BANK at Connellsville, in the State of Pennsylvania, at the close of business on May 1, 1916.**

**RESOURCES.**

**Loans and dis-**

**counts (except those shown in b) \$183,407.32 183,167.32**

**Overdrafts, un-**

## SENTIMENT LEADS MORE AND MORE TO JUSTICE HUGHES

**Believed He Will Accept If  
Nomination is Offered Him.**

## ONLY RELUCTANTLY RESIGN

**Republican Leaders Confident That  
His Nomination Would Mean Party  
Success; Equally Sure Roosevelt  
Cannot Win; Anyone in a Deadlock.**

**WASHINGTON, May 11.—Political  
sentiment today seems to be leaning  
more and more to the belief that  
Associate Justice Hughes, of the  
United States Supreme Court, will be  
the Republican candidate for Presi-  
dent. Those close to the political  
situation are of opinion that he will  
accept the nomination if it is offered  
to him, although it is known that ef-  
forts have been made and will con-  
tinue to be made to have Justice  
Hughes remain on the bench. Furthermore, it is stated on excellent  
authority that Justice Hughes him-  
self is averse to leaving the high court  
over which he presides in order to  
serve as chief justice if he remains.  
He is exceedingly attached  
to his judicial work, preferring  
it to any other; even for the  
high honor of being president of the  
United States. It is understood he  
would only with the greatest reluctance  
resign from the already exalted  
position he occupies.**

**But it is the growing belief of many  
politicians here that Justice Hughes,  
despite efforts to have him decide  
otherwise, will accept the nomination  
if it is offered him. It is pointed out  
that he has never made any state-  
ment which would prevent him from  
being the Republican candidate. He  
has said that he was not a candidate  
for the nomination and that he was  
entirely out of politics. But that is  
all. He has never said that he would  
not accept, although attempts have  
been made to force him to do so by  
a definite expression on this point.**

**The view of those members of the  
bench who have been trying to per-  
suade Justice Hughes that he should  
not get into the political game again,  
is that it would establish a precedent  
from which the highest tribunal in the  
land should remain free. They believe  
that the Supreme Court should be  
absolutely free from any suspicion, even  
the most remote, that members of that  
body had political aspirations in mind,  
the feeling of the judicial element be-  
ing that such aspirations almost uncon-  
sciously might be made a factor in  
influencing the opinion of the judge in  
formulating his decisions on impor-  
tant matters. He should be entirely  
free, they hold, from any such  
tendency.**

**In spite of all his argument, it is  
believed that Justice Hughes will be  
nominated and furthermore that he  
will be elected. The Republican lead-  
ers are confident that it would not  
take as good a man as Hughes to de-  
feat Wilson. In fact, the opinion has  
been expressed that almost any candi-  
date the Republicans name could win,  
that Wilson and the Democratic party  
are doomed to defeat at the polls this  
coming November. In the minds of  
some there is doubt as to whether any  
candidate could win. They do not  
want to take any chances in that direc-  
tion. They do not believe in over-  
confidence in the result and are anxious,  
therefore, to have the party nomi-  
nate a man who will make sure of  
coming through a winner. With this  
thought in mind they are reserving  
opinion to a certain extent. Although  
practically all of them feel sure that  
Hughes could win and equally sure  
that Roosevelt could not win, they are  
not so sure as to some of the others  
who are in the running, almost any  
one of whom might grab the nomina-  
tion if a deadlock should result or if  
Hughes should finally decline.**

**As to the confidence which many  
feel that any good candidate could  
beat Wilson, it is based on the belief  
that the country is a whole pretty well  
realizes that but for the war the  
United States today doubtless would  
be in a bad business, industrial and  
commercial position, toward which,  
when the war broke out, the Demo-  
cratic policies were already driving  
the country. In the second place, it is  
based on the belief that the foreign  
policies of the present administration  
have proved far from satisfactory to  
the people of the United States. The  
land should remain free. They believe  
certainly, watchful waiting and delay  
which have brought about the dis-  
graceful Mexican middle, and a simi-  
lar lack of firmness which have made  
the other international relations of  
the United States so unsatisfactory,  
these are the things which, it is believed,  
the people of this country will  
show their disapproval of by electing  
a Republican this year President of the  
United States.**

## PENSIONS INCREASED

**Congressmen Hopwood and Crago  
Act in Constituents' Interest.**

**WASHINGTON, May 12.—Increase  
of pension has been granted to Patrick  
Gleeson of Elliottsville, who was a  
private in the Civil war in Company F,  
33rd Pennsylvania Infantry. The in-  
crease was granted on account of age.  
It was secured through the efforts of  
Representative Hopwood.**

**Representative Crago has obtained  
an increase of pension, also on ac-  
count of age, for Jacob Shultz of Kir-  
by, Greene county, who was a private in  
Company G, 18th Regiment, Penn-  
sylvania Cavalry.**

**General Will Camp on Lake Erie.**  
The announcement has been made  
by Brigadier General A. J. Logan, com-  
manding the Second brigade, National  
Guard of Pennsylvania, to which the  
Twelfth Regiment is attached, that the  
annual summer camp of the brigade  
will be held at North Girard, a few  
miles west of Erie.

**Advertisement in The Weekly Courier**

## YOUNG MEN OF CITY MAY GET A CHANCE AT MEXICO

**If Order for Border Duty is Received  
Strength of Company D Will be  
Raised to 150.**

**The young blood of Connellsville  
that yearns for a sight of Mexican  
greasers and the excitement of camp  
life may have a chance to get a trip  
to the border of that country, if con-  
ditions in Mexico do not become better.  
The Pennsylvania companies  
may be called any moment and all  
are ready to be mobilized at the re-  
ceipt of the order.**

**If the Pennsylvania militia is called  
out the companies will be required to  
be recruited to 150, the fighting  
strength. It will be necessary for  
Company D to add about 100 men to  
the number now enlisted. Any per-  
sons wishing to go to Mexico in case  
of the militia is called out are re-  
quested to send in their names to  
Captain J. C. Herwick. Then when  
the order is received he can mobilize  
the entire number.**

**A recruiting station will be opened  
here if the full fighting strength  
of the company is not reached before  
that place. If O'Connor is allowed to  
keep the contract a measure to make  
it necessary to get some work done  
will be taken to receive him. The  
men will be mobilized when the  
order is received.**

**In and about Connellsville there  
are many who express a desire to  
go to Mexico and some members of  
the company are not backward about  
saying it would satisfy them to get  
the order.**

**Company D could be mobilized on  
shorter notice than ever before.  
When the company was ordered  
mobilized for strike duty some mem-  
bers of the company are not backward about  
saying it would be easy to get them on  
now.**

## ATTACKED IN HOME

**Negro Employed to Spade Garden  
Assaults Mrs. Rosenblum.**

**A negro that had been summoned  
to the home of J. M. Rosenblum on  
Snyder street to spade a garden on  
Tuesday, attacked Mrs. Rosenblum**

**about 9:30 o'clock when she called  
him into the house to give him a  
breakfast. The man after striking  
the woman took a pocketbook con-  
taining \$10 and fled. The police are**

**looking for him but no trace has yet  
been found.**

**Mrs. Rosenblum was in bad con-  
dition after the rough treatment  
given her by the negro. The man  
struck her in the face causing the  
left eye to swell and also kicked her  
in the left side of the chest and on  
the hip. Her mouth was bleeding and she  
was suffering from other bruises in-  
flicted by his fists.**

**A neighbor woman found Mrs.  
Rosenblum in her home and Dr. H.  
C. Hoffman was called. Her wounds  
were dressed and she was resting  
well at noon.**

## SOMERSET DISAPPEARS

**Well Known Automobile Dealer  
Writes He Will Never Return.**

**SOMERSET, May 11.—John Ains-  
man, well known local automobile  
dealer, yesterday disappeared from  
home. He wrote a letter to his  
brother, Lawrence, saying that he had  
decided to try and "make good" in  
some other part of the country and  
would never return to Somerset  
county. He asked his brother to  
look after his wife. The letter was  
post-marked Pittsburgh.**

**Ainsman went to Pittsburgh with E.  
F. Stahl and had engaged to drive a  
Ford car home. Mr. Stahl bought a  
Mitchell touring car in the city and  
drove home in it.**

**In the letter to his brother Ains-  
man enclosed a receipt for a Ford  
car which he placed in a Pittsburgh  
garage. He was married five or six  
years ago and is a young man of  
temperate habits. His friends and  
relatives can assign no reason for  
his strange conduct.**

## ENGINEER CRAMER CANDIDATE,

**For State Treasurer on Democratic  
Ticket.**

**James M. Cramer of Youngwood, an  
engineer in the service of the Penn-  
sylvania railroad, is a candidate for  
the Democratic nomination for State  
Treasurer.**

**Engineer Cramer was a resident of  
Evergreen while running on the South-  
west branch some years ago. He  
was a member of Company E, Tenth  
Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer In-  
fantry during the Spanish-American  
war and the Philippine insurrection.**

**Births Exceed Deaths.**

**The number of births in Connell-  
sville during the month of April was  
over double the number of deaths ac-  
cording to the monthly vital statistic  
report submitted this morning by  
Miss Clara Baker, deputy registrar of  
vital statistics. The report is as fol-  
lows:**

**Births, Connellsville, 39; Connell-  
ville township, two; East Union  
township, five; total, 46; deaths, Connell-  
ville, 13; Connellsville township, two;  
Bullock township, one; total, 21.**

## SUPT. OF GOVERNOR'S PALACE RETURNS TO THE PHILIPPINES

**After spending 17 years in the  
Philippines Islands, where he served as  
an American soldier, a policeman and in the palace of the governor,  
Nicholas Kaminsky, who was rearmed  
in this vicinity, left on Friday for  
the islands again, after spending the  
past four months here visiting old  
acquaintances. He called at The  
Courier office yesterday afternoon to  
give a story of his travels before going  
back to the eastern country.**

**Kaminsky was born in Germany,  
but while a small child he and his  
parents came to Fayette county, his  
father entering the mines at Trotter.  
When Nick was 13 years old his  
father was killed at work and he  
grew up with relatives. In 1890 he  
enlisted in the army and was sent to  
the Philippines Islands with the  
Twelfth Cavalry. He says that  
he is the way to the mines, the**

**Guard Will Camp on Lake Erie.**  
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by Brigadier General A. J. Logan, com-  
manding the Second brigade, National  
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## MUST GET SOME WORK DONE OR LOSE CONTRACT

**Engineer Foust Complains  
of Conditions on Is-  
abella Road.**

## BAD TREATMENT IS ALLEGED

**At Last Night's Meeting Council  
Awards Garbage Contract to James  
Francis and Walter Aris; Solons  
Tire of Time in Reading Minutes.**

**That the contract for the paving of  
Isabella road will be taken from Ber-  
nard O'Connor unless he shows a di-  
position to do something in the next  
week, was decided at council Wed-  
nesday when City Engineer S. M.  
Foust complained of conditions at  
that place. If O'Connor is allowed to  
keep the contract a measure to make  
it necessary to get some work done**

**will be taken to receive him. The men  
will be mobilized when the  
order is received.**

**Engineer Foust also complained of  
the treatment he had received at the  
hands of Charles O'Connor, claiming  
that he had "received more abuse  
there than ever before at any other  
place." He told council that he had  
written a letter to Contractor O'Connor  
asking that the foreman be taken  
from the job.**

**The garbage ordinance was passed  
and the contract for gathering the  
garbage of the city was awarded to  
James Francis and Walter Aris, who  
in their bid sometime ago offered to  
run the plant and allow the city 10%  
of all money collected. The books of  
the company will be submitted to  
council once a month. The only  
other bidder, W. L. Corbin, offered to  
take charge of the plant paying the  
city \$2 per year.**

**Austin and Matthews, who are paving  
Wells road, submitted an estimate of  
\$2,725.67 for the amount of work  
already done. Superintendent of  
Streets Pugan reported that Con-  
tractor J. I. Dick was doing well and  
that the work of Austin and Matthews  
is progressing.**

**Council authorized Contractors  
Austin and Matthews, working on  
Wells road, to leave an opening in the  
curb for an entrance to the Chestnut  
cemetery, a petition to that effect  
having been presented.**

**C. A. Wagner, manager of the Globe  
Theater, asked council for permission  
to extend the booth of his new moving  
picture house, which is being  
erected on the site next to the present  
building, four feet over the alley  
in the rear of the building. In the  
new Globe the audience will face the  
street instead of looking on the screen  
at the rear of the house. The booth  
will be in the rear. The requested ex-  
tension will be 23 feet, above the  
ground. There is nothing in the city  
ordinances prohibiting such an  
encroachment on an alley and the  
matter was referred to the public safety  
committee. In the extended four feet  
of the booth the machines will be  
placed and in case of fire the flues  
will be possible for doors to be  
dropped, confining the blaze to the  
portion of the booth, it is said.**

**After police court this morning  
David Redigan called at the police  
station and said the negro was in  
town walking up Main street. The  
police accompanied him to a hotel but  
the negro was not the man wanted.**

## POSSESSIONS OF GARBAGE COMPANY SOLD FOR \$1,161

**Team and Wagons Bought by New  
Garbage Contractors, Who Make  
First Collection Today.**

**The possessions of the garbage con-  
pany were sold at auction Wednesday  
afternoon by Auctioneer Joseph Cross-  
land. Everything bought in by the  
city when the garbage plant was pur-  
chased was sold, excepting the plant  
itself, and the proceeds amounted to  
\$1,161.25. Some of the buyers paid  
cash but council gave anyone six  
months' credit.**

**The auction was held at 2 o'clock  
and the articles for sale went rapidly.  
There was a buyer for everything and  
several for some of the property.  
Walter Aris and James Francis, to  
whom the contract for collecting the  
garbage of the city was given by  
council last evening, bought the team  
and all but one wagon. The pigs and  
other things for sale were bought by the  
council last evening.**

**The first collection of garbage un-  
der the new ownership took place  
today. The garbage ordinance was  
passed and the contract for the rent-  
ing of the plant awarded last evening.**

**James Francis and Walter Aris, who  
now have charge of the plant, will be  
assisted by the present manager, Ed-  
ward Lang until Saturday, in order  
to acquaint them with the work.**

## POLICE TRAIL ASSAILANT

**Several Negroes Arrested as Suspects  
in Mrs. Rosenblum Case.**

**The police Thursday afternoon re-  
ceived a call from Dunbar that the  
negro which attacked Mrs. J. M. Ros-  
enblum at her Snyder street home**

**Wednesday morning was headed to-  
wards Wheeler, Chief of Police B.  
Rottler, accompanied by Patrolmen  
Rull and McDonald and Constable  
Fred Bass, in an automobile, started  
for Wheeler.**

**Two negroes were seen running  
across a field and the officers gave  
chase. When the men were caught  
they told the police they thought they  
were going to be arrested for walking  
on the railroad tracks. The men were  
taken to the Rosenblum home but  
could not be identified by Mrs. Ros-  
enblum as her assailants. They gave  
their names as Thomas Bradford and  
Wills O'Neill of Washington, Pa.**

**The police later in the morning re-  
ceived word that a negro thought to  
be the one wanted here was in Un-  
iontown. The officers there were on  
the lookout for him and every effort is  
being put forth by the police to effect  
his arrest.**

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town walking up Main street. The  
police accompanied him to a hotel but  
the negro was not the man wanted.**

**MORE PRISONERS**

**Wanted to Work on the Public Roads,  
Request of County Commissioners.**

**The plan to employ the prisoners in  
the county jail in maintenance work  
on the public roads is working out  
to the satisfaction of the county com-  
missioners. A force of 10 men is at  
present thus employed, and Warden**

**Gorley has been asked to supply 50  
more men. These cannot be furnished  
until the commissary equipment is  
enlarged to care for the additional  
number of men. At a meeting of the  
prison board held yesterday the  
purchase of this equipment was  
authorized.**

**Of the 124 prisoners in the jail, 27  
are engaged in work on the roads and  
about the jail are given three meals  
a day, the remainder only two.**

**F. T. EVANS DELEGATE.**

**Of Pennsylvania Master Plumbers to  
Association, Med.**

**F. T. Evans returned last week from  
attendance at a three days session of  
the Pennsylvania Master Plumbers  
Association held in the Fort Pitt Hotel  
Pittsburgh, at which many matters of  
interest to the craft were discussed  
by the 350 master plumbers in at-  
tendance.**

